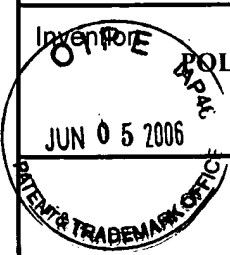


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POLISHING APPARATUS, POLISHING HEAD AND POLISHING METHOD

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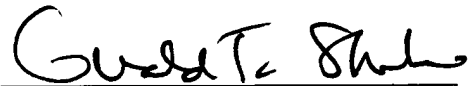
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

The Office Action of May 12, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the following is in response thereto.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between the Claims of Group 1, Claims 1-3 and 5-7, Group II, Claims 8-9, and Group III, claim 10.

Applicant(s) hereby elects for prosecution, Group 1, Claims 1-3 and 5-7 with traverse.

Applicant(s) believes the Restriction Requirement to be improper insofar as the claims of the device and the claims of the method are so interlinked as to require that searching be conducted in identical classes. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden.